

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 10/8/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Glenn Marshall, Transportation Manager (805) 781-5269	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to make application of transportation capital improvement project funding to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments for eligible Capital Improvement Projects. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is our recommendation that your Honorable Board approve the attached resolution and instruct the Chairperson to sign authorizing the Director of Public Works to submit funding applications for the listed projects through the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments for eligible Capital Improvement Projects.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
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(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date:	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

Reference: 13OCT08-C-1

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Board of Directors has approved a call for projects for funding through the Regional Surface Transportation Program and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program with applications due on or before October 18, 2013. Both programs focus on funding transportation related capital improvement and transportation management projects.

Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding is established to improve the condition and performance on any federal-aid highway, bridge, public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects. The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funding is established to fund projects likely to reduce air pollution including congestion reduction, traffic flow, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure capital projects. SLOCOG has identified this current fund programming cycle through fiscal year 2016 has approximately \$11.2M in RSTP funds and \$9.3M in CMAQ funds available to its member agencies for funding transportation related capital improvement projects.

Staff is recommending that your Board authorize the Director of Public Works to submit applications for eligible transportation projects to SLOCOG for potential funding on behalf of the county.

Project Selection

At your Board's direction staff developed an inter-departmental team to coordinate the priority of projects under the County's Capital Improvement Project Program. These infrastructure projects included roads, pedestrians, and bicycle infrastructures. Included in the inter-departmental team are representatives from the Departments of Administration, General Services Agency (Parks Department), Planning and Building, and Public Works whom all have interests in developing needed countywide transportation projects. The purpose of establishing this team is to clearly prioritize capital project needs between the departments and to determine project viability so as to take a more concerted approach when applying for available grant funds.

The team is responsible to develop and maintain the county's five (5) year capital project list for these discretionary infrastructure facilities with the intent that funding opportunities may first be applied to those projects meeting the public's greatest need. Annually, new projects are added to the list by the team and as listed projects become funded they are removed. The remaining projects are then prioritized by applying the ranking criteria summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: 5-Year Capital Improvement Project Program Ranking Criteria		
Criteria	Weight	Description
Critical Need and Threats to Health & Safety	15%	Is there a necessity to complete project to protect the public's health and safety?
Meets Legal Mandates	15%	Is the project necessitated by legislative or legal requirements?
Project Funding	10%	Can the project qualify for outside funding sources and not rely on the County's General Fund?
Operational Costs	10%	How much does the project rely on General Fund obligations for future staffing, operations and maintenance?
Maintenance and Repairs	10%	Is the project an essential facility where deferral will result in substantial future costs?
Services	10%	Is the project necessary to preserve critical existing services?
Saves Energy/Water	10%	What is the project's ability to save resources?
Consistent with County Plans, Goals and Priorities	10%	Was the project previously identified as a Board approved priority and necessary for orderly growth?
Economic Impact	10%	Does the project promote jobs, revitalization and economic growth?

In March of 2013 the team met to update and prioritize the 5-year CIP list in advance of pursuing funding sources for fiscal year 2013-14. In August, SLOCOG announced a call for projects for funding through the RSTP and CMAQ programs. Commencing with the CIP list the team applied the below secondary screening criteria:

- Does the project meet the program's eligibility requirements?
- Is the project's success for securing funding best with the current programs or another program? (e.g. the Federal Bridge Management Program)
- Is the estimated project cost within the available program funds?
- Has sufficient preliminary work been accomplished so that the project is well defined and/or can be completed within the program's 2013-2016 timeframe?
- Is there a matching fund source available to augment program funding and to demonstrate the county's commitment to the project?
- Is the project deliverable defined as a study or is it a physical "on-the-ground" improvement to provide immediate community benefit?
- Will funds required from other sources be available during the time frame needed to carry out the project?
- Are there sufficient county resources available to complete, operate and maintain the project?

As a result of both screening processes the team is recommending your Board approve funding application submittal for the below RSTP and CMAQ program eligible capital improvement projects:

<u>Bridge Improvements</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
1. Avila Beach Drive at San Luis Creek Bridge Retrofit; Avila Beach	\$375,000
<u>Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities</u>	
2. Front Street (SR 1) Revitalization Improvements – Phase 1; Avila Beach	\$617,200
3. Morro Bay to Cayucos Bikeway Connector Project Development Cost (PS&E); Cayucos	\$453,600
4. Templeton to Atascadero Bikeway Connector Project Development Cost (PS&E); Templeton	\$320,000
5. Orcutt Road bike lanes (Righetti Road to Biddle Ranch Road); San Luis Obispo	\$381,000
<u>Operational Improvements</u>	
6. Higuera Street Center Left Turn Lane at the Octagon Barn; San Luis Obispo	\$461,800
7. El Camino Real center left turn lane at Santa Clara Road; Atascadero	\$651,200
8. Willow Road at Pomeroy Road Traffic Signal; Nipomo	\$176,900

9.	Avila Beach Drive at US 101 SB Ramps at Shell Beach Road Roundabout; Pismo Beach	\$1,408,300
10.	Nacimiento Lake Drive Center Left Turn Lane at Adelaide Drive; Paso Robles	\$230,000
11.	North Thompson Avenue at Nipomo High School Traffic Signal; Nipomo	\$147,900
12.	Main Street at US 101 Interchange Project Approval and Environmental Documents (PA&ED); Templeton	\$250,000

Congestion Improvements

13.	US 101 and SR 227 Changeable Message Signs; Pismo Beach	\$221,900
14.	Ontario Road Park & Ride Expansion; Avila Beach	\$145,500
15.	Avila Beach Drive at US 101 SB Ramp at Shell Beach Road Park & Ride; Pismo Beach	\$195,100
16.	Tefft Street At Cabrillo Street Park & Ride; Nipomo	\$50,000
17.	K Street Park & Ride Expansion-Phase 3; San Miguel	\$76,700

A more detailed summary of each recommended project is provided as Attachment "A" to this staff report.

Staff is recommending that your Board authorize the Director of Public Works to submit applications for these recommended transportation projects to SLOCOG for potential funding on behalf of the county. The attached resolution would adopt the above referenced list of projects for submittal of funding applications to SLOCOG.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Representatives from County Departments who participated in the review and rating of proposed projects in this report include Administration, Planning and Building, Public Works and General Services Agency (Parks Department). San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, as the regional transportation planning agency, is the authority for the distribution of the funds to individual agencies. The SLOCOG Board is scheduled to approve the funding allocations at their December 4, 2013 meeting.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to legal form and effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The center left turn lane on Higuera Street at Octagon Bar, the Morro Bay to Cayucos Bikeway Connector, and the Templeton to Atascadero Bikeway Connector projects are being implemented by the General Services Agency (Parks Department) and would be budgeted with matching funds collected through their staff.

The remaining projects would be identified in the Public Works Road Fund budget. Local match sources would include the respective community's Road Improvement Fee areas, the Federal Highway Bridge Program, and/or existing Urban State Highway Account funds.

No budget adjustment is necessary at this time. We will return to Your Board, once project funding awards are known, with the applicable budget adjustments.

RESULTS

Approval of the resolution for submittal of capital project funding opportunities provides for the County to advance needed transportation infrastructure for the community development and enhancement. This supports the County's goals of a more livable and well-governed community.

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Nancy Orton – Planning and Building

File: Organizations – SLOCOG

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Attachment A - Recommended Project Application List
3. Resolution Authorizing the Director of Public Works to Apply for Grant Funding from the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments for Eligible Capital Improvement Projects